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For : A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN EXTRACT WITH  
CAROTENOIDS, UV ABSORPTION ANTIBACTERIAL AND pH  
INDICATING PROPERTIES FROM A DEEP SEA BACTERIUM

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING DIVISIONAL  
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), SUBSTITUTE  
SPECIFICATION, AND FORMAL DRAWINGS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with the  
above-identified divisional application filed concurrently  
herewith.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 11-12.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
1-19, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please amend the subject application as follows: